Announcements from the March 19th Native American Subcommittee (NASC) Meeting

- Chris Wendel from the BHPC requested volunteers from the NASC or tribal communities for the Substance Abuse Strategic Planning Workgroup, which will be looking at substance abuse treatment, prevention and interface with law enforcement. Please contact Christina Stick (Christina.stick@state.nm.us) or Letty Rutledge (leticia.rutledge@state.nm.us) The Treatment workgroup will meet every 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 1:30-3:30pm and you do not need to be a Planning Council member to volunteer.

- There are also 2 block grants that need to reviewed for this year, the Community and Mental Health Services Block Grant and the Substance Abuse and Treatment Block Grant. Please contact Letty Rutledge (leticia.rutledge@state.nm.us) if you are interested in participating on one or both of these review teams. You do not need to be a Planning Council member to participate.

- Fred Sandoval, from the Collaborative, will be starting a workgroup on Consumer, Youth, and Family Engagement, and he is looking for participants. This workgroup will develop standards for behavioral health providers and state agencies on engaging consumers/peers, family members, and youth in the behavioral health delivery system. Please contact Fred Sandoval (fred.sandoval@state.nm.us or 505-476-9260) for more information.

- Council members are requested for the BHPC Legislative Review Team and the Policies and Procedures Committee. Please contact Letty Rutledge (Leticia.rutledge@state.nm.us) if you are interested.

- The LC 16 representative has been appointed by Governor Richardson to the BHPC.

- Linda Roebuck is regularly sending out “In the Know “ emails with information about happenings in the Collaborative. Contact Letty Rutledge for more information.

- An LC Working Group will be meeting to discuss the sustainability of Local Collaboratives and how to keep the LCs working efficiently during this time of change. All LCs are welcome and LC members should check with your LC contact person to see if your LC has a representative appointed to the group.

- The 10th Annual Wellness Healing Skills Conference is scheduled for April 20-23, 2010. The first night is will be a PowWow at the Rio Rancho Inn and the following night will feature Dine entertainers, including James and Ernie. The Conference offers 21 hours of CEUs. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Frank Adakai at Navachip@aol.com.

- LC 14:
Their website is up and running: www.LC14.org. Any information you would like to share, please email Clarence and he will post it to the website. They are posting a lot of information on the website from the state, other LCs, members, NASC etc. The site will also have a link to the Collaborative and other important sites.

With regards to the LC Steering Committee that has been developed, some are concerned about the process that has been used to bring LCs together to meet Linda; some feel that the meeting was not productive. Therefore, LC 14 has requested that the Region 6 LCs meet separately with Linda to discuss issues specific with Region 6. LC 14 will be calling a meeting with Region 6 leadership to get the conversation started about who they will participate with the LC Steering committee. Peggie Roberson requested that the outcomes of the conversation be shared with the off-reservation community, perhaps through the NASC at an appropriate date.

The next LC 14 quarterly meeting is March 26 from 10-12pm.

Past Tuesday, in the Children and Adult Subcommittee meeting, they discussed the upcoming Children’s Mental Health Day and ways that LCs can support the messaging for getting out the word on this day. There has been discussion about putting together a template and then sending the information out through email.

LC 18 is planning their Region 6 summit in September 24-25 at Buffalo Thunder and they are still looking for help with their committees. If you are interested in the youth track, please contact Clarence for more information.

Kim announced that the CPSW trainings are in Farmington on April 12-15 and in Santa Fe on May 3-6. For more information, contact Shereen Shantz at 505-476-9274. Also NASC and BHPC are reimbursing at the same rates now.

The Statewide RFP Tribal Consultation Meeting is scheduled for May 7.

The first meeting of the Medicaid Redesign Tribal Working Group will be held March 29, 2010. This will be a government-to-government workgroup with representatives from the tribes and the state. IAD will keep the NASC posted on the progress made.